

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
LOK SABHA**

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DEVELOPMENT OF STANDARD SIGN LANGUAGE FOR DEAF PEOPLE

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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government propose to develop a standard sign language for deaf people;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government to standardise the linguistic skill of deaf people?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA)

(a) to (d) There is a diversity of opinion on the need to develop a standard sign language for deaf persons. However, the Ali Yavar Jung National Institute for the Hearing Handicapped (AYJNHH) has taken up research proposals in this regard. Other institutions have also developed material in this field.